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SUBJECT: "CISCO TWO" - SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 8430 DTD 15 JUN 75 (NOTAL)

B. ADDIS ABABA 8429 (DTG 151447Z JUL 75)

1. AS REQUESTED REF A, THERE FOLLOWS A CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE,
AS BEST AS WE CAN RECONSTRUCT IT, OF THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE
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DISCOVERY AND REPORTING OF THE ABDUCTION OF THE CISCO TWO.

2. CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE, JULY 14, 1975 (ALL TIMES LOCAL):

10:45 TWO AMERICANS AND FOUR ETHIOPIANS ABDUCTED FROM TRACT D - OCCURANCE NOT KNOWN ELSEWHERE.

11:30 CISCO OPERATIONS MANAGER, DOUGLAS MCALLISTER, AT TRACT B, INFORMED BY CISCO EMPLOYEE THAT TRACT D NOT ANSWERING PHONE.

11:45 MCALLISTER AGAIN INFORMED THERE NO TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH TRACT D.

12:00 MCALLISTER DROVE TO TRACT E TO LOOK FOR CAMPBELL AND HARRELL WHO COULD BE EXPECTED ABOUT THAT TIME TO FETCH NEW SHIFT OF ETHIOPIAN WORKERS FOR TRACT D.

12:15 NO SIGN OF PAIR AT TRACT E. MCALLISTER, ANNOYED, SET OFF FOR TRACT D TO LOOK INTO SITUATION.

12:35 MCALLISTER, WORRIED ABOUT CIRCUITS, ARRIVED TRACT D - NO ONE VISIBLE - FOUND POWER PLANT EMPLOYEES WHO PROVIDED DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED - TELEPHONE LINES CUT - AUDIO COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL TO TRACT B OPERATIVE BUT LOCALS DID NOT KNOW HOW TO USE IT.

12:50 MCALLISTER NOTIFIED TOM BLAND, CISCO EMPLOYEE AT TRACT B OF EVENTS, AND REQUESTED HIM TO INFORM ROBERT BAKER, CISCO PROJECT MANAGER, AND LT. CLARK HILL, OIC NAVCOMMUNIT. MCALLISTER THEN OCCUPIED HIMSELF WITH GETTING TRANSMITTER BACK ON THE AIR.

13:00 MCALLISTER REQUESTED BLAND TO NOTIFY CONGEN.

13:10 MSG AT CONGEN NOTIFIED BY BLAND OF INCIDENT - MSG IMMEDIATELY CALLED ME (I WAS AT LUNCH).

13:15 I RETURNED TO THE OFFICE AND CALLED BLAND FOR DETAILS OF INCIDENT.

13:20 I NOTIFIED BG GETACHEW OF ABDUCTION AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.
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13:30 I CALLED EMBASSY AND INFORMED ACTING DCM OF EVENTS, FOLLOWING UP WITH A CABLED REPORT.

3. AS FOR FONMIN CONTENTION THAT ETHIOPIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES NOT NOTIFIED OF MOVEMENT OUR PEOPLE TO TRACT D, THIS UTTERLY SPECIOUS. UNDER PROCEDURES IN EFFECT FOR YEARS, NO NOTIFICATION SUCH MOVEMENTS REQUIRED. THERE IS CONSTANT TRAFFIC BETWEEN SITES

AND UNTIL NOW, AMERICANS HAVE BEEN LOCATED AT TRACT D 24 HOURS/DAY.
THERE IS ONE CHECKPOINT BETWEEN TRACT B AND TRACT D WHICH OUR
PEOPLE MUST PASS AND AT WHICH THERE HAS OCCASIONALLY BEEN DIFF-
ICULTY WHEN SENTRIES CHANGED. THIS HAS BEEN ONLY A MINOR PROBLEM.
NO OTHER FORM OF NOTIFICATION EVER REQUIRED.

4. IN SUM, ETHIOPIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES NOT NOTIFIED UNTIL WELL
AFTER 1300 FOR REASONS DETAILED ABOVE AND NO NOTIFICATION OF
MOVEMENTS OF AMERICANS TO TRACT D GIVEN AS IT NOT REQUIRED UNDER
EXISTING PROCEDURES.
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